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Military departure

DPS Commander Jeff Raynor (center) exchanges greetings with Lt. Col. David Felix (right) and DPS Director Dennis Garrett during a coffee hosted by the Criminal Investigations Division Jan. 9. Raynor, CID chief of staff, was called into active military duty and could be gone from the Department as long as 18 months.

Goddard files consumer fraud action against Second Chance Body Armor, Inc.

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard announced Jan. 16 that his office has filed an enforcement action against Second Chance Body Armor, Inc., for violation of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act.

The complaint charges Second Chance with deception in the advertising and sale of bulletproof vests manufactured with "Zylon" fiber which Second Chance warranted to provide protection for five years.

"Second Chance knew early that Zylon degrades rapidly and permanently when exposed to such common conditions as high humidity and heat, fluorescent light and sunlight," said Goddard. "Second Chance failed

to disclose this information or even warn its customers about the conditions known to cause degradation."

Goddard said the problems with Zylon came to light in June 2003, when a Forest Hills, Pa., police officer was seriously injured by a .40-caliber bullet that passed through his Second Chance "Ultima" vest. In the wake of this and other events, Second Chance informed its customers that it had discontinued two Zylon models, the Ultima and the Ultimax, on the grounds that it had discovered an "unexpected decrease in Zylon fiber strength."

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15 DPS employees remain on active duty in Middle East

In late January, some 15 DPS employees, all sworn officers, were still on active military duty as part of this country's continuing military operations in Iraq and other areas of the Middle East.

About seven of the activated DPS employees have been gone for more than a year while a few are now approaching the one-year mark.

Four of the DPS employees currently deployed, however, were activated recently and are just beginning their military assignments.

Among those recently activated were Commander Jeff Raynor along with Officers Russell Hamilton, Adam Mercier and Francis Ryder.

Raynor, Criminal Investigations Division chief of staff, was activated in December as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

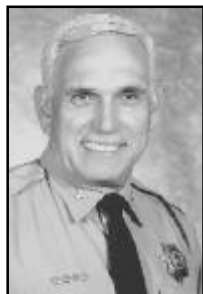
The 25-year DPS veteran may be gone as long as 18 months as a member of a special military support unit. In late January, Raynor was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, completing several weeks of training with his unit prior to the group's deployment overseas.

A large wave of DPS employees, including one civilian employee, returned home from active military duty this past summer and early fall. Since then, only a few have returned home.

Among the few DPS employees who have returned home in the past few months are DPS Officers Frank Soto and Dusty Baker.

Some of the DPS employees still on active duty, including members of the Arizona National Guard's 855th Military Police Co., returned to Arizona recently for a short visit with their families before returning to Iraq to complete their deployment.

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From Director Dennis Garrett's

Vantage Point

As the legislature continues through its process of developing a general budget for the upcoming fiscal year, here at the Department we continue to remain optimistic concerning compensation issues not only for our sworn officers but for our civilian employees as well.

We have been disappointed before, but this time our thoughts are laced with a little more optimism.

Early in January, after much discussion, a state House of Representative study committee considering our officer pay parity proposal, unanimously reached a decision in support of this compensation package. If enacted in total, it could mean as much as a 12.2-percent pay increase for our sworn officers.

Although this committee's recommendation is far from being finalized by the state legislature, it is indeed a very positive step in the right direction. I am also confident that this recommendation for a much-deserved pay increase will continue to draw resolute support from the Department, its supporters within the legislature and from various employee organizations such as the Associated Highway Patrolmen of Ari-

zona, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32, the Latino Peace Officer Association and the Arizona Women in Policing Association.

On the civilian side, the governor has proposed a pay increase for all state employees, including those at DPS. The governor's proposal advocates a \$1,000 raise for all employees earning less than \$50,000 and a 2-percent increase for all those making more than \$50,000.

Additional support for an increase in civilian compensation was put forth recently by the Joint Legislative Study Committee on State Employee Compensation. This panel has recommended a series of substantial pay increases that, if adopted, could boost civilian pay to market value by 2009. If implemented fully, the result could increase employee compensation some 25-30 percent during the next five years.

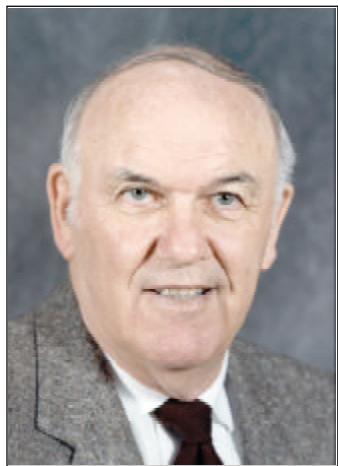
Although it appears something positive is in the works to improve compensation for state employees and DPS officers, optimism for such increases should remain guarded as the state still faces a revenue shortfall of more than \$330 million and those complex issues will have to be resolved as the legislature ponders a fiscal year 2005 budget that could reach \$7 billion.

Also keep in mind that the legislature is facing major issues involving education, the university system, health services and welfare programs, along with on-going concerns pertaining to the state's correctional system.

It appears that the state of Arizona is on its way to economic recovery following a recession that began to surface as we entered the 21st century. Publicly, most of our leaders are in favor of pay raises for state employees. However, the lingering question is whether the state can afford it. We should have our answer sometime before the legislature adjourns, possibly as early as May.

Former Merit System Council Member Michael McCormick dies

Services were conducted Dec. 23 in Peoria for Michael McCormick, 79, a former Law Enforcement Merit System Council member who passed away Dec. 16



MICHAEL McCORMICK

The Phoenix-area business man was appointed to the Merit System Council by Gov. Rose Mofford in January 1991 to complete the final two years of a six-year term, replacing Bill Richardson who had passed away two months earlier.

Prior to his LEMSC appointment in which he completed in October 1993, Mr. McCormick had served as an educational advisor to Mofford.

During his professional career, Mr. McCormick was a director of the Arizona School Administrators and a state manager for Horace Mann Insurance Company.

Earlier in his career, the Culbertson, Mont., native was a teacher and coach in Belgrade, Mont., later becoming superintendent of schools in that Montana community. Mr. McCormick also was a professor and coach at Montana State University, Bozeman, where he completed his undergraduate work.

After completing his undergraduate work, he worked as a coach and high school principal at Red Lodge, Mont., and later as a teacher and coach in King City, Calif.

Mr. McCormick also earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate from Montana State.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor, a sister, nine children, 20 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

His family requests donations be made in Mr. McCormick's name to the Mission of Mercy, c/o John Olson, P.O. Box 2152, Scottsdale, AZ 85252-9755.

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LT. MARK A. BROWN

Devoted support group activist Lt. Mark Brown dies following lengthy illness

Lt. Mark A. Brown, 52, who began his career with the Department as a Highway Patrol officer in September 1973, passed away Jan. 15 in Chandler following a lengthy heart-related illness.

Funeral services for the El Dorado, Kan., native were Jan. 23 at North Phoenix Baptist Church.

After completing the academy in early 1974, Lt. Brown's initial assignment as a rookie Highway Patrol officer was the Phoenix area. That was the first step in a near 30-year career that saw the Chandler resident spend most of it in the Phoenix metropolitan area working either with the Highway Patrol or Criminal Investigations.

At the time of his death, Lt. Brown was commander of the Department's motorcycle district.

Badge No. 1437 was known as a tireless worker who was quite active with several law enforcement support coalitions such as

the Family Support Group at DPS, COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors), the 100 Club of Arizona and the W. Steven Martin Toy Drive.

At the request of Lt. Brown's family, donations should be sent to the Mark A. Brown Memorial Fund, c/o Green Acres Mortuary, 401 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale, AZ 95257.

All contributions will be presented to the previously-mentioned support groups embraced by Lt. Brown

Prior to moving to Arizona, Lt. Brown earned a bachelor of science degree in political science from Wichita State University.

In his final command, Lt. Brown not only was very involved in the training of DPS motorcycle officers, but was also instrumental in the training of many motorcycle officers from other law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona and the United States.

The lieutenant is survived by his wife, Dianna; son, Jeff; a nephew; three nieces; and two grandchildren.

DPS hoping for strong showing in domestic violence walk

DPS is hoping to make another very strong showing in this year's annual 5K "Walk to End Domestic Violence" in downtown Phoenix April 24.

The walk, scheduled to begin at 7 a.m., is designed to raise awareness of the critical issue of domestic violence as well as funds for various domestic violence shelters and service providers.

Last year's inaugural event attracted 3,000 walkers and raised more than \$130,000 through entry fees and pledges solicited by participants.

Among the participants were some 23 employees from various entities within DPS.

This year, DPS' Crime Victims Services Unit (CVSU) is spearheading the effort to increase employee participation in the event.

If you or someone you know would like

to participate in the domestic violence walk as a DPS team member, contact Nancy Buck at ext. 2446 for more information on how to sign up. Buck said the registration fee for the event is minimal and there is no pressure on participants to obtain a large amount of pledges for walking.

"Because fund-raising is only a small part of the walk there are no great financial expectations placed on those who want to participate," Buck said. "The walk is primarily an event that allows the public to get behind the issue of domestic violence and do something positive. Participants make a very public statement that domestic violence is unacceptable through time and energy to complete the walk and by raising money."

Buck said the walk will take participants

around the State Capitol, through downtown Phoenix finishing at Wesley Bolin Plaza. Gov. Janet Napolitano is scheduled to participate, Buck said.

Teams walking together may carry signs up to 10 feet in width as did one of the DPS teams in last year's event.

Funds raised from the benefit will be distributed to various domestic violence shelters, Buck said adding that this year's walk is expected to draw more than 5,000 participants. Domestic violence shelters and other service providers will be on hand at the event to provide educational materials.

Sponsors include KMLE Country 108, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, APS, Bank One and Verizon Wireless.

Additional information about the event can be obtained at dvwalk.azcentral.com.

Benefits act covers officers who die from work-related event

President George W. Bush signed the "Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefits Act" Dec. 15 expanding the eligibility for the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) program to include public safety officers who suffer a fatal heart attack or stroke in the line of duty.

"This act entitles survivors of a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while, or within 24 hours after, engaging in a line-of-duty action or participat-

ing in a training exercise to PSOB benefits," said DPS Sgt. Bob Mitchell, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 32 chaplain.

"This presumption created by the legislation can only be overcome by competent medical evidence indicating the heart attack or stroke was, in fact, the result of something other than a line-of-duty action."

Mitchell, Agency Support Division administrative sergeant, said the FOP was the sole law enforcement organization involved

in pushing this bill through Congress and onto the president's desk.

"FOP officials worked with the bill's sponsors, the IAFF (International Association of Firefighters) and the Bush administration to get this bill to the president," Mitchell said. "When he signed it, it was a great victory for law enforcement and other public safety officers, and even more so for the families of our fallen brothers and sisters."

For more information, Mitchell can be contacted at Ext. 2251.

Crying newborn lets DPS officer know that he did his job well

While on routine patrol just a few days after Christmas, DPS Highway Patrol Officer Christopher Lapre responded to a call for a motorist assist on Interstate 10, about 25 miles east of Quartzsite.

Little did the patrolman know that the early-morning motorist assist would turn into one of the most-rewarding experiences of his law enforcement career. After all, by the time Lapre cleared the scene of the motorist assist call that day, he had helped bring a healthy baby boy into the world.

The roadside excitement began quickly for the Salome-based patrolman Dec. 27 when he arrived at the scene and observed a woman in her late 20s sitting in the front seat of a 2002 Chrysler sports sedan with her husband. The woman, traveling to Phoenix from Blythe, was in labor and had her husband pull off the interstate minutes earlier.

"It took me only about five minutes to get to the scene after receiving the call," Lapre said. "When I arrived, the woman's contractions were less than a minute apart."

Realizing the woman was likely going to deliver her baby on the side of the roadway very soon, Lapre, who transferred to DPS about a year ago from the Casa Grande Police Department, immediately called his girlfriend in Casa Grande on a cellular phone for verbal assistance.

Lapre's girlfriend just happens to work in the emergency room at the Casa Grande Regional Hospital. She was off duty and at home sleeping when she received the somewhat frantic phone call from Lapre.

"When my girlfriend answered her phone, the first thing I said to her was, 'Hey, how do you deliver a baby?'," Lapre said. "She responded by saying, 'What in the world are you talking about?' I told her I was pretty sure I was going to have to help deliver a baby within the next few minutes. She said, 'Oh, no, that does not sound good'."

Lapre's girlfriend told him to give his cellular phone to the laboring woman's husband so that she could obtain some medical information from him.

Lapre quickly passed his phone to the woman's husband and the man informed Lapre's girlfriend that his wife's water had broken and that this was going to be her fourth child.

Lapre's girlfriend also learned from the man that doctors were unaware of any complications with the couple's unborn child. After providing Lapre's girlfriend with information about his laboring wife, the man was told to pass the cellular phone back to Lapre.

When Lapre received the phone, his girl-

friend advised him that, based on the information she had received, the baby was going to come very quickly when the delivery process began. She told Lapre to simply hold the baby as it came out and ensure that its airway was clear upon delivery.

She also told Lapre to carefully monitor the mother's condition and bleeding throughout the entire process.

Feeling a bit more confident that he could successfully assist in the delivery of the baby, Lapre told his girlfriend that he would call back as things progressed.

Just a few minutes after Lapre ended the phone call with his girlfriend, a deputy from the La Paz County Sheriff's Office arrived at the scene to assist.

Within five minutes of the deputy's arrival, the woman began delivering her baby. Lapre said the "little guy" came out very quickly just as his girlfriend had predicted.

The healthy baby boy was carefully held by both Lapre and the deputy as he made his way into the world. The woman's extremely-nervous husband stood by and comforted his wife during the process.

Immediately after the baby was born, Lapre and the deputy checked his airway and held him slightly above his mother. Initially, Lapre said the baby did not cry or make much noise.

"The only noise the baby made at first were a few soft grunts and groans," Lapre said. "He did look around a lot and he kept his eyes wide open. He also moved around just a little bit by flailing his arms every once in a while. He was actually a pretty quiet and cute little guy."

Eventually, Lapre said the baby let out a loud 5 to 10-second cry that helped calm his mother substantially.

"The mother was very worried at first because she thought the baby was being too quiet," Lapre said, adding that the umbilical cord remained attached to the baby until professional medical help arrived some 10 minutes after the boy's birth.

When medical personnel arrived, they placed the woman in an ambulance where they severed the baby's umbilical cord.

Eventually, the healthy baby and mother were flown to a Phoenix-area hospital in two separate helicopters as part of standard medical procedure.

Lapre did not follow up with the family right away because shortly after the birth occurred, he was called to investigate a traffic collision. However, Lapre understands that the mother, father and baby are all doing well. He also said the couple thanked him and the assisting deputy numerous times

at the scene for assisting in the delivery.

Lapre said he reflected upon the event when the day was over and realized just how neat it was to have been involved in such a special moment.

"It was a very good feeling for once to see something positive come out of my police work instead of people disliking me for writing them a ticket or enforcing the law," Lapre said. "It was an eye-opening experience and the gravity of it did not sink in until later in the day when I got home and had a chance to relax. It was then that I realized how truly amazing it was to help bring a life into the world, even if it was just a small support role."

Lapre said the couple did not have a name for their baby at the time of his birth, nor did he know whether they considered the name, Christopher, after the first person their son met upon his entry into the world.

Equipment failure places OpComm in improvisation mode

For more than three straight hours on Sunday, Dec. 14, all dispatch consoles at DPS' Northern Communications Center in Flagstaff were inoperable due to an equipment failure that took out the entire northern microwave loop.

As a result of this sudden, unusual equipment failure at the Roof Butte tower, located in northeastern Arizona near the New Mexico state line, dispatchers at the Flagstaff facility could not communicate via radio with those DPS officers they are responsible for dispatching from their communications center which serves most of northern Arizona.

According to Police Communications Supervisor Donna Contreras of Phoenix, the transfer of dispatching responsibilities from the Flagstaff center to the Phoenix facility was very easy, technically speaking, to accomplish.

"When the equipment failure occurred, it essentially took just the flip of a switch for the Phoenix Communications Center to beam up the Northern Zone and begin dispatching for them," Contreras said.

During the lengthy equipment failure, Contreras said dispatchers in Phoenix extended their shifts and were called in from days off to cover for the newly-acquired Northern Zone.

Thankfully, she said, no major incidents or accidents occurred in the sprawling north-

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DPS group gets inside, up-close look at state prison facility

Just a few days before Christmas, a small group of DPS employees participated in a day-long tour of the most high-profile, high-security prison complex in Arizona.

The exciting and informative tour, which took place in and around Florence on Dec. 22, was organized by DPS Reserve Officer Bob Gilbert whose "day job" is that of the strategic planning manager for the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADOC).

Among DPS employees participating in the tour were Sgt. Dennis Isaacson and two of the officers assigned to his "Beeline" Highway Patrol squad, Jeff Baum and Randi Brown.

Also on the tour was DPS dispatcher Anna LaPolla, civilian reserve Eric Landau, and the *Digest's*, Jim Jertson.

The group also brought along a few family members and friends, one of whom is an officer with the Phoenix Police Department.

By the time the five-hour tour concluded, the group of 12 had visited many areas of the state prison complex in Florence and several of the related prison facilities located on the outskirts of this small central Arizona community.

Among the areas the group visited were the Big House (Central Unit), the Administration building, the Death House, the Gang Display Room, the specialized unit for sex offenders, and the ultra high-security Eyman complex which houses the inmates on Death Row.

Emotions ran a bit high when the group was touring the Eyman complex because one of the inmates at the facility, Ernesto Martinez, is on death row there for shooting and killing DPS Officer Bob Martin during a traffic stop in 1995. The tour group was not allowed to walk directly in front of the inmates' cells because it was determined to be too dangerous. The inmates, prison officials said, have been known to throw items out of their cells and blow man-made darts at corrections officers passing by.

The thousands of inmates in the facilities the group toured had committed a wide variety of dangerous crimes, including murder, rape and sexual assault. A large number of the inmates were serving life sentences for their crimes.

Personnel from ADOC conducted an informative briefing for those on the tour prior to the scheduled viewing of the prison's facilities. During the briefing, DPS officers and their families were encouraged to ask as many questions as they wanted about the prison complex and its operations.

Some of the questions posed by the DPS officers at the briefing centered around "use

of force" policies at the prison and the frequency of violent inmate attacks on staff members. DPS officers learned during the briefing that a serious staff assault had occurred at the prison just three weeks earlier when an inmate slipped his handcuffs and pulled a shank on a corrections officer.

Thankfully, another corrections officer armed with a Taser was able to "shoot" the inmate and control him with the device until the prisoner could be restrained.

Although inmate violence and safety procedures were discussed at length during the briefing, DPS officers learned that there had been no staff fatalities within the secure perimeter of the Florence institutions since the infamous riot/hostage situation there in 1973.

During that violent disturbance, two staff members were killed by inmates in Cellblock Three.

DPS officers also learned that prison staff members continually review and enhance security to ensure the safety and security of the staff and inmates.

One area of the prison in Florence that was of great interest to those on the tour was the "Death House" which consisted of a functioning "gas chamber" and a bed used during the lethal-injection process.

Those on the tour learned that death sentences have been carried out in Florence since 1910.

The first individual executed at Florence was killed by hanging on Jan. 5, 1910. The first execution by lethal gas was carried out on July 6, 1934. In November 1992, Arizona voters approved execution by lethal injection and most executions since that time have been carried out in such a manner.

At this time, all Death Row inmates, with the exception of two women on Death Row in the Phoenix Perryville facility, are housed at the Eyman Complex in Florence within the Special Management Unit II.

The tour group viewed several parts of the high-profile Eyman complex following a lunch break. While viewing the prison gang display room at the complex, the tour was delayed for about 20 minutes because an inmate within another area of the facility was attempting to commit suicide.

The tour group was held in the secure gang display room until the situation was brought under control. While the group was waiting in the room, ADOC staff explained that suicide attempts among inmates, like those in the outside world, tend to occur much more frequently around the holidays.

While waiting for the tour to resume, the Phoenix police officer with the group was

viewing Polaroid photos of known gang members within the prison that were posted on the wall. He was surprised when he recognized a few individuals he had personally arrested in the past.

The gang display room provided information and creative displays about the various gangs that exist within the prison and featured some of the contraband seized from gang members. The Phoenix police officer was stunned to learn that rival gang members on the street will often befriend each other and join the same gang in prison if they are of the same race. The gangs in prison, the group learned, are mostly determined simply by race.

Following the tour of the Eyman complex, located just a few miles east of the Florence facility, the group toured another nearby facility that houses more than 1,000 sex offenders.

It was very different than the other prison facilities the group toured because the inmates lived in comfortable dormitories and had much more freedom to roam about the facility. By the time the tour was over, the group said their perspective and understanding of the entire criminal justice system had been dramatically improved by viewing part of the state's prison system.

The group also said they were very glad to be leaving the prison complex after spending most of the day behind bars. The word *freedom* had a new meaning to the group.

Reserve Officer Gilbert said additional tours of the state's prison system can be organized for those in the law enforcement community by calling ADOC's Office of Public and Media Relations at (602) 542-3133.

Stadler tops ASO promotional list

Following the completion of the examination process, Jennifer Stadler tops the promotional eligibility list for administrative services officers.

After Stadler in qualifying order are Jennifer Duprest, Marilyn Davis, Debbie Kasprzak, Paul Swietek, Vicki Watkins, Mary Stark, Deidra Strickland, Jeanine Eagar, Mary Ellen Van Wyck, Holly Hubman, Shari Dahlback, Patricia Rehm and James Foley.



Retiree's granddaughter lends helping 'claw' in aid to others

It is very likely that most DPS employees, at some point in their lives, have played one of those infamous "crane games."

The games, which usually cost about 50 cents to play, are often located near the exits of restaurants, grocery stores, bowling alleys and children's arcades.

When the required amount of money is placed into one of the games, the participant uses a joystick to guide a steel claw attached to a movable crane toward the desired stuffed animal or prize.

The stuffed animals and prizes are piled on top of each other within a large glass enclosure which contains the steel claw. After positioning the steel claw to its desired location, the participant pushes a small red button that drops the claw straight down in an attempt to grab the prize and deposit it in the winner's chute.

Most people use the word *claw* loosely when describing a crane game machine though because the claw's three fingers unenthusiastically fumble around the plush prizes and usually return to the winner's chute with a whole lot of nothing.

Unless, of course, the game is being played by 11-year-old Cassy Tedla, granddaughter of retired DPS Sgt. Linda Delgado.

The young Tempe resident has an almost magical ability to consistently guide the game's steel claw into the precise location necessary to securely grab prizes and return them to the winner's chute. In fact, Tedla said that if she goes just a couple of crane games without winning a prize, she has hit a "serious cold spell."

"If I hit a cold spell losing a few games in a row, I immediately quit and go home," said Tedla, whose grandfather, Ray, is also a retired law enforcement sergeant.

Tedla recently used her interesting skill with crane games to benefit impoverished children through DPS' annual holiday toy drive for the U.S. Toys for Tots Program.

For about five months beginning in early August, Tedla raised money to play various crane games throughout the Phoenix-area so that she could win toys to give to less-fortunate children at Christmas.

"I figured out that I was actually capable of winning many more toys for children on a crane game than I could ever buy at a store with a fixed amount of money," said Tedla, who wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

She raised money to play the games by helping her grandmother with various chores around the house such as weed pulling, dusting, vacuuming and dish washing.



Happy encounter

Eleven-year-old Cassy Tedla (left), granddaughter of retired DPS Sgt. Linda Delgado (third from left), donated 65 plush teddy bears to DPS in December as part of the agency's annual toy drive for the national Toys for Tots program. When Tedla arrived at DPS headquarters to deliver the bears, she was greeted by DPS Director Dennis Garrett and Agency Support Division Chief of Staff Lynda Schallman.

Delgado, who retired from DPS four years ago, also allowed Tedla to raise money by completing crossword puzzles. She was given five cents for every correct word, Delgado said.

After about five months of hard work, Tedla had raised \$68. She used the money to give herself more than 100 chances on various crane games throughout the Phoenix-area. As usual, she had a tremendous amount of success while playing the games.

With the \$68 she placed into the machines over several months, she won 65 plush, beautiful teddy bears.

To win that many teddy bears with only \$68, she would have had to win one teddy bear in almost every two attempts considering each crane game costs 50 cents a play.

When she finally ran out of the hard-earned money she had raised to play crane games, Tedla gathered up all of her prizes and began looking for a charity that would take and distribute them to needy children at Christmas.

Tedla eventually learned that DPS could help her with the distribution of her teddy bears because the agency was conducting a Christmas toy drive for the national Toys for Tots program.

The Telecommunications Bureau (TCB) at DPS has spearheaded the popular holiday toy drive at the agency for many years.

When Tedla learned that DPS would accept her teddy bears as part of its own toy drive, she and her grandparents made plans to deliver the items to DPS state headquarters in Phoenix just prior to Christmas.

When Tedla arrived at the headquarters with her grandmother and grandfather to make her delivery, she was greeted by DPS Director Dennis Garrett and Agency Support Division Chief of Staff Lynda Schallmann.

Garrett and Schallmann thanked Tedla for gathering all of her teddy bears and submitting them to the Department's toy drive for needy children.

The toys Tedla delivered to DPS were quickly combined with all of DPS's other donated toys and brought to the gathering center for the Toys for Tots program in Phoenix.

The toys were eventually delivered to impoverished children within Arizona during the holiday season.

When she is not playing crane games to gather gifts for friends and needy children, Tedla said she enjoys playing soccer and the piano.



Almost there

A group of law enforcement officers near the finish of an Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This year, DPS is planning to significantly increase its participation and fund-raising efforts in the Torch Run which officially begins May 3.

Torch Run group at DPS planning series of events promoting Special Olympics

Excitement about this year's Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics continues to build at DPS as the agency prepares to substantially increase its fund-raising and participation levels in this charitable event.

Several upcoming Torch Run benefits at DPS should help raise considerable funds and recognition for the event that officially begins May 3.

One upcoming event for Special Olympics that has been creating quite a "buzz" is the all-you-can-eat cookout planned for April 2 at the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix. The lunchtime benefit, which will cost only \$10 to attend, will be catered by Outback Steakhouse restaurants.

In addition to great food, the event will feature live music, public safety displays, and raffles, said DPS Sgt. Faith Morgan, the Department's Torch Run coordinator. DPS employees, retirees, and friends are encouraged to purchase tickets for the cookout as soon as they go on sale.

Other planned fund-raising events for the Torch Run include a DPS golf tournament for Special Olympics in Tucson and a softball tournament organized by DPS personnel in Yuma.

As the Torch Run event approaches, various other "pre-run" fund raisers will be organized by DPS personnel throughout the state, including Tip-a-Cop events at various Arizona restaurants.

Several DPS employees are also being recruited to participate in the actual "running" portion of the Torch Run that begins May 3.

During the event, DPS officers will be given the task of helping other Arizona law enforcement officers relay symbolic Special Olympic torches from six starting points along Arizona's border.

The torches will be relayed over 2,000 miles of Arizona roadway before converging in Phoenix.

Several DPS officers and employees will be needed to help with the relay, Morgan said.

Check with the Torch Run coordinator in your respective district for details on how to participate.

Morgan can be reached at the Highway Patrol's office in Deer Valley at (623) 879-7249. She can also be contacted through the DPS EMS system, badge no. 3951.

Capp's daughters to support father in half marathon

Retired DPS Sgt. Larry Capp, badge no. 596, suffered two strokes in December – the first while in Albuquerque and the second after returning to Phoenix.

Capp spent several days in ICU and, as of mid-January, was recovering in a rehabilitation facility.

Capp's daughters, Holly and Crista, will run a half marathon (13.1 miles) this summer as a tribute to their father and to raise funds for the American Stroke Association.

Crista is a sergeant with the Phoenix Police Department who is assigned to the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZ POST).

If interested in helping to sponsor their half-marathon effort June 6 in San Diego, make your tax-deductible donation/check payable to American Stroke Association and interoffice it to Sgt. Crista Capp at AZ POST, or U.S. mail - 2643 E. University Dr., Phoenix 85034.

If you prefer to use a credit card you may sponsor Crista on the Internet at www.sandiego26.2.kintera.org/phoenix. Once there, enter Crista Capp in the "sponsor participant section."

Act of Kindness

Helpful trooper

Editor's Note: This letter was published in the Arizona Republic's Act of Kindness column.

My wife, Barbara, and I were returning from San Diego and had the misfortune to have a tire blowout. We were on Arizona 238, a two-lane road that is heavily used by trucks.

I had barely gotten the spare out when Motor Assistant Michael Miller pulled up behind us. His vehicle, with the emergency lights flashing, was a welcome sight.

The extra margin of safety provided by his truck made me feel a lot more comfortable. Miller gave me a pad to kneel on and used his power tools to expedite the tire change.

My wife and I are so very appreciative for the assistance of the Arizona Highway Patrol and to Michael Miller for the help we received.

Jim Toth
Phoenix

DPS plans summer move into Terrorism Information Center

Early this summer, more than 100 employees from DPS, the FBI and many other law enforcement entities operating in Arizona will begin moving into the state's new Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) in north Phoenix.

When the 61,000-square foot facility is fully occupied, it will hold up to 200 law enforcement detectives, special agents, analysts and support personnel who will be working to combat terrorism within Arizona and the country 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

DPS Lt. Col. Norm Beasley, assistant director of DPS' Criminal Investigations Division, said the unique, high-tech facility will be the first anti-terrorism center of its kind in the United States.

"Several other states have or are developing anti-terrorism centers similar to this one, but none will have all of the state, local, and federal assets that will be contained in the ACTIC facility," Beasley said. "Based on discussions I have had with other agencies throughout the country, this will truly be a one-of-a-kind facility."

Beasley said that DPS has been working for about the past 18 months to implement and open the ACTIC facility. The Department's work to develop the facility was done in close conjunction with the FBI, the Arizona Governor's Office of Homeland Security and the Facilities Management Bureau at DPS.

Beasley said the facility was designed primarily to serve as a multi-agency "intelligence fusion center" that can provide investigative and intelligence information support to public safety agencies throughout Arizona on an around-the-clock basis.

Personnel at the center will specialize in providing assistance to prevent terrorist acts, Beasley said, but they can and will assist officers throughout the state with the investigation of all types of crimes.

"The vision of the center is that at 3 in the morning on a state highway, in a city, or in a county, an individual police officer has a phone number he or she can call to query a wide variety of state and federal directories should the officer be faced with some type of suspicious situation," Beasley said.

When fully operational, the ACTIC facility will have access to about 15 information systems, both state and federal, that will allow on-duty "watch officers" to make real-time queries of suspicious activity observed by officers and detectives in the field.

One of the key information systems in

the center, Beasley said, will be a direct link to the FBI's Counter Terrorist Information Center in Washington, D.C.

Funding for the establishment of the center came from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. DPS will not have to contribute any money to the massive project other than paying the salaries of departmental employees who will be working in the center.

Over the past two years, Beasley said DPS has received more than \$6 million in federal funds from the Department of Homeland Security.

"The funds we have received have not only been for funding the ACTIC center, but also for funding the purchase of equipment for both individual officers within DPS and the agency's specialized officers who would respond to a terrorism or weapons of mass destruction incident," said Beasley, adding that DPS has been very fortunate to have received the amount of federal funds it has.

Among the DPS tenants to occupy the new center will be the Department's Intelligence Bureau, as well as its Geographical Information System (GIS) Unit, Computer Forensics Unit, and Weapons of Mass Destruction Unit.

In addition to several DPS detectives, other agency personnel who will be moving into the new center will be individuals from DPS' Criminal Investigation Research Unit, Investigation Bureau and Hazardous Materials Unit.

Several law enforcement agencies from throughout the Phoenix-area will also be heavily represented at the ACTIC facility, including the Phoenix Police Department who will contribute about 17 detectives and supervisors to the building. Other agencies working in the center will be the various state, local, and federal entities assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

Although the ACTIC facility will have a joint operations center to handle terrorist-related emergencies, Beasley said the Emergency Operations Center at DPS headquarters will remain on active duty for other types of emergencies.

The final stages of lease signing for the building that will house the center were being completed in mid-January and necessary modifications to the pre-existing building were being scheduled.

When the center becomes operational, it will be managed by DPS in conjunction with command representatives from other participating agencies, Beasley said.

Beasley said DPS' Facilities Management

Bureau, supervised by Carl Tornambe, worked closely with the agencies involved in the project to help make the ACTIC facility a reality.

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ern area while its officers were being dispatched from Phoenix.

"We were very lucky because the equipment failure happened to take place during the graveyard shift when activity in the field tends to slow down a bit," said Contreras, adding that the entire Northern Zone was dispatched from one designated console in the Phoenix facility during the failure.

Throughout the equipment failure, Contreras said the dispatchers in Flagstaff couldn't even communicate with their counterparts in Phoenix via normal DPS telephones.

"When dispatchers in Phoenix needed to talk to dispatchers in Flagstaff, each facility utilized the cellular telephone kept in each center for emergencies like this," Contreras said.

While the entire Northern Zone was being dispatched from a designated console in Phoenix, Contreras said the other consoles in the facility were manned and operated as usual.

The only significant challenge for the particular dispatcher covering for the Northern Zone during the equipment failure, Contreras said, centered around geography.

"The dispatchers in Phoenix are not completely familiar with the geography of the Northern Zone like the dispatchers in Flagstaff are," Contreras said.

"The Phoenix dispatcher who took over for the Northern Zone was given a special book with maps of the area."

When the consoles at the Flagstaff Communications Center eventually came back on the line, the DPS dispatchers and employees in the Phoenix center were complimented for the way they "saved the day" during the four-hour outage.

Contreras said it is not uncommon for the three communications centers at DPS to occasionally cover for each other when minor equipment failures and glitches occur.

However, she said an equipment failure nearly four hours in length such as the recent one is a very rare occurrence at DPS.



Inside DPS

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Gallery, E.G. (Betty), 1516, Executive Assistant

Hughes, Gary E., 1513, Commander

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Carroll, James C., 2470, Sergeant

Fero, Vincent D., 2474, Sergeant

Georgitso, Kevin L., 2476, Officer

Hilton, Charles H., 2477, Officer

Johnson, John T., 2479, Officer

Molloy, Duncan G., 2487, Officer

Oien, James M., 2489, Officer

Orick, Steven S., 2490, Sergeant

Orose, Michael A., 2491, Commander

Palmer, Michael D., 2492, Sergeant

Sidney, Eddie, 2513, Officer

Stanley, John J., 2495, Officer

Warriner, James W., 2497, Sergeant

PROMOTIONS

Bates, Robert L., 3240, from Criminalist II to Supervising Criminalist

Dyas, Rita C., 6128, from Criminalist II to Supervising Criminalist

Foley, James J., 5638, from Administrative Assistant to Intelligence Research Specialist

Kreitt, Alan M., 4823, from Criminalist III to Supervising Criminalist

Tschupp, Christopher K., 5418, from Personal Computer Specialist to Computer Forensic Analyst

Vossbrink, Russell E., 5284, from Criminalist II to Forensic Technical Supervisor

NEW EMPLOYEES

Brandhorst, Colin M., 6303, Criminalist I

Cardwell, Mark E., 6306, Criminalist I

Frith, Lawrence P., 6307, Facilities Maintenance Technician

Gouldthorpe, David K., 6304, Criminalist I

Larson, Christine G., 6305, Criminalist I

Murray, Scott E., 6302, Fixed Wing Pilot I

Vega, Doraliz, 6301, Police Communications Dispatcher

TRANSFERS

RETIREMENTS

Harper, Dolores J. 2229, Fingerprint Technician, 26 years

Hoegner, Jacqueline N., 1297, Office Coordinator, 30 years

Kjellstrom, Karl A., 2069, Lieutenant, 26 years

Saunders, Richard L., 2405, Staff Attorney, 25 years

Willis, Guy K., 3652, Officer, 18 years

DEPARTURES

Cox, Marcy D., 5363, Officer

Galvez, Aldo, 6049, Officer

Hill, Scott L., 6071, Public Safety Call Taker

McNeese, Blaine K., 5790, Officer

BIRTHS

Ryan James Riccomini – 7 lbs., 15 oz., 22 inches. Born Dec. 16 at Chandler Regional Medical Center to Officer Charles Riccomini and wife, Stacy. Charles is a Highway Patrol officer assigned to District 6, Casa Grande.

OBITUARIES

Betty Monschein, of Payson, passed away Dec. 12 in Payson. She was the wife of retired DPS Major Jack Monschein.

Terry Shuffler, 57, of Kingman, passed away Dec. 15 in Las Vegas. She was married to DPS Officer Alan Hansen who was killed in the line of duty on July 19, 1973 when a railroad tanker exploded in Kingman.

Sylvia J. Artalejo, 50, of Peoria, passed away on Dec. 28. She was the wife of Phoenix Metro Motor Officer Enrique Artalejo.

JoAnn Chruscinski, 67, of Tucson passed away Dec. 30 in Tucson. She was the wife of retired DPS Officer John Chruscinski and mother of Tucson GITEM Officer Ken Chruscinski.

Mary Agnes Usher, 94, of Peoria, passed away on Dec. 31 in Phoenix. She was the mother of retired DPS Major Greg Goodson.

Eugene Borowski passed away Jan. 14 in Placentia, Calif. He was the father of Barbara Hall, an office coordinator assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau in Flagstaff.

John Joseph Drummond, 68, of Phoenix, passed away Jan. 19 in Phoenix. He was the husband of Helen Drummond, an administrative assistant with Asset Forfeiture, and father of Officer Pete Drummond, Executive Security.

COP SWAP

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DPS at a Glance

DPS Highway Patrol officers seized 5,811 pounds of marijuana and 289 pounds of cocaine in December, according to a monthly report produced by the Highway Patrol Division.

The report said Highway Patrol officers also seized 37 pounds of methamphetamine, \$166,678 in cash and 24 vehicles.

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Randan Holmes recorded two public service announcements for a radio station in Window Rock.

One announcement was in English, the other in Navajo. Both aired frequently on KTNN, "The Voice of the Navajo Nation," and on its sister station KWRK-FM.

The announcements offered a greeting from the Department and stressed the importance of child restraints, seat belts and not drinking and driving, according to Holmes' supervisor, Sgt. Ray Butler.

Arizona icon Rep. Polly Rosenbaum, 104, died Dec. 28 in Phoenix following a brief illness.

For more than 45 years, until, 1994, she represented the Globe-Miami area and eastern Arizona as a democrat in the state legislature.

Retired DPS Sgt. Ken Haw has found golf to his liking especially after recording his first hole in one.

Haw, who retired in 1998, used a 6-iron on the 145-yard 14th hole at the Legend at Arrowhead Golf Course in Peoria to register his ace.

There's 203 million vehicles in U.S.

There are 203 million personal motor vehicles and 191 million licensed drivers in the United States, according to the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Of those vehicles, 57 percent are cars or stations wagons, 21 percent are vans or sport utility vehicles and 15 percent are lights trucks. The remainder includes tractor trailer rigs, motorcycles and other modes of vehicular transportation.

Only 8 percent of U.S. households do not have vehicles, according to the report.

Happy passenger

Mary Dickinson, wife of DPS Officer Michael Dickinson, grins from ear to ear as she exits a DPS helicopter after completing a scheduled patrol flight. Michael, who is serving in Iraq, called the agency in November and asked about the possibility of a surprise "anniversary flight" for his wife on a DPS helicopter. Fortunately, DPS Air Rescue in Phoenix had a seat available on a pre-scheduled mission allowing Mary to enjoy her surprise anniversary gift.



Wife gets helicopter ride for anniversary

Aviation helps ease pain of separation caused by Iraqi war

By Sgt. Gregg Girard
DPS Aviation

DPS Officer Michael Dickinson, an Arizona National Guardsman who is stationed in Iraq on military activation, called Bev Fuller at the DPS Benefits Office in early November and asked for a favor.

His wedding anniversary was Nov. 14 and he wondered if DPS could possibly arrange an "anniversary flight" for his wife, Mary, on a Phoenix-based DPS helicopter if there happened to be an extra seat on the aircraft during one of its pre-scheduled flights.

Fuller contacted DPS Aviation who subsequently contacted Central Air Rescue Senior Pilot Cliff Brunsting. Brunsting

began working to see if he could somehow get Mary on a regularly-scheduled patrol flight around the time of her anniversary.

Brunsting noticed that Central Air Rescue's regularly-scheduled flight activities for the time period might just be conducive to boarding two extra passengers, Mary and her mother, for a pre-scheduled patrol mission.

If there were no sudden emergencies that would require Central Air Rescue to abandon a regular patrol mission scheduled for Nov. 15, the flight with the extra passengers looked like a strong possibility.

If the flight did take place, Dickinson wanted it to be a surprise for his wife. Therefore, those involved in trying to get Mary on board the DPS helicopter had to be a little clandestine in their planning.

When the day and time of the regularly scheduled patrol flight arrived, Mary was taken to Phoenix Fire Station No. 41 on the pretext of receiving something. The DPS helicopter was parked in the back of the building and she did not see it at first.

When she finally saw the helicopter and realized what she had been brought to do, she was completely surprised and moved by the thoughts of her husband and the employees at DPS.

Fortunately, the patrol flight took place on schedule with Mary and her mother onboard. Many routine patrol and agency flight activities were conducted during the flight, including the monitoring of rush hour traffic flows on the Phoenix-area freeways.

Mary learned a lot about DPS' regular day-to-day activities during the flight and the support role aviation plays in law enforcement.

She said she also felt very close to her husband during the flight even though he was thousands of miles away from her.

Brunsting, who retired as a pilot from the U.S. Army prior to working for DPS, said it was a great honor to take another member of the DPS family on board for a scheduled flight. Brunsting said he was also honored to take an extra passenger on board for a fellow Army grunt overseas.

(Editors Note: In January, Dickinson arrived in Arizona from Iraq for two weeks of rest and relaxation before returning to Iraq for several more months of military duty with his Arizona National Guard unit, a unit that also includes several other DPS employees within its ranks).

Jerry Landau to run for county attorney

Jerry Landau, 53, long-time member of the Law Enforcement Merit System Council at DPS, announced Jan. 14 that he will run for Maricopa County attorney.

Landau, a Republican, hopes to claim the seat being vacated by County Attorney Rick Romley who announced Jan. 6 that he would not seek re-election in November.

Landau has worked as a Maricopa County prosecutor for 24 years.

Military ...

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During a 3-4-month period about a year ago, as many as 19 DPS employees were activated at the same time.

Other DPS employees still on active military duty as of late January include Officers Stephen Kafton, D.J. Hansen, Paul Etnire, Michael Dickinson, Miguel Anguiano, Kevin Bera, Leon Dame, David Rush, Richard Stephens, Ed Stock and Sgt. Bob Stout.

DPS officers who have returned from military activation include James Congrove, Michael Fields, John Barber, Arthur Avitia, Craig Bremer, Michael Cota, Adam Lason, Robert Rehm, Peggy Scozzari, Dusty Baker, Frank Soto and civilian employee Paul Menz.

Letters

Dear Gov. Napolitano:

I am writing to express my appreciation for your help in resolving a crisis during our recent manpower shortage within the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

Due to a variety of factors, including low pay and the difficulty of retaining deputies because state and federal law enforcement agencies can offer so much more than the county, we were unable to provide the level of service to which residents and visitors were entitled.

After calling your office requesting help, I was contacted by Frank Navarette, director of Arizona Homeland Security. Mr. Navarette immediately expressed a willingness to work with my office to help resolve the problem. Consequently, DPS Director Dennis Garrett provided personnel to help patrol Santa Cruz County. Although the smallest of Arizona's 15 counties, we still have a large area to patrol, much of it in very rural terrain. We also face unique problems due to our proximity to the Mexican border which compounds our regular law enforcement concerns.

At least eight DPS officers worked hand-in-hand with my deputies. These men and women responded directly to 66 calls for service and numerous others as backup officers. While available June through October, they also shared radios and adapted their communications system so as to be available to our dispatchers.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors approved pay increases for all county employees and additional funding for my office which has allowed me to retain my employees while recruiting new ones. We now are well on our way to building our force to a point where we can provide adequate coverage.

Once again, please let me express my gratitude on behalf of my office and on the behalf of all residents and visitors of Santa Cruz County. We called, you listened. We asked, you responded. We were in need, you provided. You proved that you are a governor for all of Arizona, even for the smallest and most remote county in the state.

Sheriff Tony Estrada
Santa Cruz County

Dear Director Garrett:

On Oct. 23, as part of a unit on aviation education, a DPS helicopter and crew landed at Desert Springs Elementary School to talk about their mission and responsibilities with the DPS Air Rescue Unit.

The students, kindergarten through sixth grade and adults, were fascinated with the crew and asked many questions about the medical equipment, the NOMEX flight suits they wore, and the types of rescues they perform. Of course, there were many questions about the helicopter.

The Central Air Rescue crew of Pilot Cliff Brunstein, Paramedic Eric Tarr, Officer James Knapp and Phoenix Firefighter Fred Grant was extremely responsive to the children, emphasizing the importance of a good education, staying away from drugs, and being safety conscious whenever possible.

Midway through the presentation, the crew received a call to transport an elderly woman who lived in a remote area north of Phoenix and who had apparently suffered a stroke.

The children watched as the crew went into action. Within minutes, the crew started the helicopter and waved to all of us as they departed on their mission.

Later that day, some students asked me what the condition was of the elderly woman. I reminded them of all the medical equipment the crew had, the speed of the helicopter and the expertise of the flight crew. We all felt assured that everything possible would be done to help her.

On behalf of the children, teachers and parents of Desert Springs Elementary School, thank you for allowing your crew to share their expertise with us. We all feel good knowing you are there for us, should we ever need you.

Maryellen Clinkingbeard
Federal Aviation Administration

Dear Director Garrett:

On behalf of the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), I want to express my appreciation for the outstanding accomplishments of Officer John Stanley of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau, in uncovering violations of motor carrier registration statutes.

During a safety audit in 2002, Officer Stanley identified evidence that a motor carrier was grossly under reporting Arizona miles when registering trucks under the International Registration Plan.

This evidence provided the primary basis for an MVD audit that resulted in the recovery of over \$325,000 in license/registration fees for the state of Arizona. Officer Stanley's thoroughness in developing the relevant facts and evidence was invaluable in bringing this matter to a successful resolution.

We also want to recognize the efforts of Sgt. Ed Davis of the DPS Casa Grande Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau and members of his staff in developing key evi-

dence in this case. Their interviews of drivers confirmed that most of the trucks at issue never traveled outside of Arizona and their inspection reports/citations documented that the motor carrier was repeatedly advised that the trucks were not properly registered.

Our sincere appreciation to Officer Stanley, Sgt. Davis and other DPS staff for their efforts in this case and for the cooperation and professionalism they continually display in contacts with our staff.

Stacey K. Stanton
MVD Division Director

Dear Director Garrett:

Please accept my appreciation for Officer Bernie Castillo and the Arizona Department of Public Safety for their outstanding assistance provided during the recent Idaho trade mission to Mexico.

DPS was most generous in allowing Officer Castillo to prepare for and participate in this trip. His involvement was instrumental to the success of the trip and the safety of all participants of the Idaho delegation.

The experience Officer Castillo has had in working with executive protection counterparts in Mexico contributed to the positive results which arose from his considerable behind-the-scenes work which smoothed the way. His active participation in the trip provided the opportunity for Idaho State Police Officer Bret Kessinger to benefit from information and experience Officer Castillo has accumulated over the years.

Thanks again for allowing Officer Castillo to be a part of the executive protection team accompanying the Idaho trade mission delegation. His level of professionalism truly represented your state and DPS in the highest manner. Our sincere thanks to Officer Castillo for a job well done.

Col. R. Dan Charboneau
Director
Idaho State Police

Dear Director Garrett:

I am writing regarding an accident that I was involved in on Dec. 5 in which Officer Casey Cernak responded.

I was driving north on Highway 51 when a driver on the on-ramp lost control of his car and collided with my vehicle. It was the scariest thing that ever happened to me. I was completely in shock and very upset. Officer Cernak was very comforting and assured me that everything was going to be fine. He went out of the way to call the other driver's insurance company to verify that he was insured.

He has my greatest appreciation for what

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he did that day. When I left the accident I was still upset but never stopped thinking about how helpful and kind Officer Cernak was that day. I am very thankful for his services.

Lea Carroll
Phoenix

Dear Director Garrett:

During the last quarter of 2003, DPS was involved in a special DUI enforcement training grant involving our officers. Lt. Larry Scarber informed me of this grant and invited our department to participate with his DPS officers. Sgt. Dennis Isaacson coordinated the detail which included our participation Dec. 5 through Jan. 16. This provided not just an opportunity for training, but also helped our officers to interact more with the DPS personnel who work our area.

I have received positive comments about the professionalism of your officers and their willingness to work with my officers. Lt. Scarber has made a serious effort to work with not just Fort McDowell but all of the tribal police departments within his area. His efforts are to be commended as he truly cares about improving relationships.

I would like to thank Lt. Scarber, Sgt. Isaacson and all participating officers from DPS for the opportunity to interact, assist and gain valuable experience in DUI investigations.

Wayne Brown
Chief of Police
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Dear Officer (Pete) Curley:

I just wanted to thank you for helping Elizabeth Gray who hit a deer on Dec. 22 on her way home from the Department of Corrections facility in Florence. I heard you were both compassionate and incredibly helpful. So often we forget to thank those who help us live safely day-to-day. Surely this could have been much worse, but you made it all much better.

I was so touched by Elizabeth's story and I promised her I would write you personally and thank you. Having had my mother spend 12 years working at the Pima County Sheriff's Office, I know you are so often the "unsung hero."

May God bless you and your department. Please keep up the good work. On behalf of Elizabeth, myself and State Farm, thank you.

Kathy Gawne
State Farm Insurance
Tucson



Retirement reception

Rick Saunders (right) enjoys his Dec. 18 retirement reception at the DPS state headquarters in Phoenix by talking to various people he had worked with during his 25 years with the Department, including Major Deston Coleman (left), Highway Patrol Division chief of staff, and Lt. Ken Barton, Records Section commander. Saunders officially retired from DPS as a legal advisor on Dec. 26.

Body armor ...

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"In fact," said Goddard, "Second Chance was well aware long before the Forest Hills incident that Zylon suffered substantial degradation problems, but continued to sell those vests without warning its customers."

Although Second Chance has offered its Ultima and Ultimix customers a choice between free "upgrades" to the vests and price discounts on non-Zylon replacement vests, the Attorney General's complaint seeks a full refund of the purchase price of the Zylon vests.

According to Goddard, the "upgrade packs" are not certified by the National Institute of Justice and therefore provide inadequate assurance of protection.

While Second Chance permits customers to trade in the Ultima and Ultimix vests still in warranty for lower-cost non-Zylon models, Second Chance only allows partial "credit" on the trade in.

In other words, "even though Second Chance sold bulletproof vests it now acknowledges may be defective, Second

Chance requires its customers to pay additional money before Second Chance will supply a functional vest," Goddard said.

Another major problem, according to Goddard, is that Second Chance continues to sell the "Tri-Flex," a "hybrid" vest that uses Zylon and other materials to provide ballistic protection. While there have been no recorded failures of the Tri-Flex, according to Goddard, "knowing what we now know about Zylon, it is unacceptable that Second Chance should be permitted to sell Tri-Flex vests in Arizona without having to demonstrate to a court that the Tri-Flex will provide protection."

Among other issues, the Attorney General's complaint seeks from Second Chance:

A full-price refund of all Zylon vests purchased since July 1998; preventing Second Chance from selling any Zylon body armor in Arizona (including the Tri-Flex) until Second Chance has established to the satisfaction of the court that the body armor will protect the wearer throughout the period for which the armor is warranted; and imposition of a penalty of up to \$10,000 for each willful violation of the Consumer Fraud Act.

The War on Drugs

Numerous traffic violations by this motorist caught the eye of DPS Canine Officer Keith Dukett.

The result of this Jan. 16 stop on S.R. 86 about 20 miles west of Tucson eventually led Duckett and his canine, Rico, to the discovery and seizure of 440 pounds of marijuana.

Duckett told the Duty Office that he also seized a 1995 Dodge Intrepid after finding the contraband.

This traffic stop ended up costing this pair nearly \$100,000.

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Dean McMains told the Duty Office that after stopping the Chevrolet Tahoe sports utility vehicle, he was able to establish probable cause to search the vehicle. During the ensuing search, McMains said he found \$96,097 in cash along with a small amount of marijuana.

McMains said he seized the drugs, cash and vehicle during the Jan. 11 stop on S.R. 287 near Florence.

A "walk 'n sniff" by a DPS canine ruined the day for these two motorists who were arrested on narcotics-related charges after being stopped for a window-tint violation.

During the Jan. 10 stop about 20 miles east of Holbrook on I-40, DPS Canine Officer Mike Godinez said he deployed his partner, Scharbo, who, during the walk-around, alerted onto the 1998 Buick. The ensuing search produced 1,616 pounds of marijuana that was seized along with \$56 in cash and the vehicle.

As many say when responding to the scene of a crash, expect the unexpected.

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Mike Manger certainly can attest to this principle especially after being dispatched to the scene of a crash Jan. 9 about 20 miles north of Patagonia near the junction of state routes 83 and 82.

What Manger witnessed upon his arrival was surprising. Inside the vehicle and scattered along the roadway, the DPS Highway Patrol officer found 529 pounds of bundled marijuana.

After finding the pot, it didn't surprise Manger that the driver had already fled the scene of the rollover, leaving behind the contraband and means of transportation.

After stopping a 2000 Ford pickup for a traffic violation, the attention of DPS Officer

Jim Edwards quickly turned to the cargo inside the pickup.

During a search of the vehicle that he stopped Jan. 2 on I-40 near Winslow, Edwards said he found 488 pounds of marijuana. He arrested the two occupants of the vehicle on narcotics-related charges. He also seized \$976 in cash along with the marijuana and pickup.

The Customs Financial Task Force at DPS seized nearly \$1.5 million in cash during the service of a warrant served on a Phoenix-area branch of Western Union Dec. 21.

DPS civilian employee Dan Kelly, an asset tracking specialist, and Detective Tod Kleinman said Western Union worked as a partner in the investigation which produced the cash believed to have been generated through a suspected drug-smuggling operation.

Apparently, this drug-running suspect just doesn't know when to say "uncle."

While patrolling I-17 near Cordes Junction Dec. 19, DPS Highway Patrol Officer Joe Proffer stopped the motorist for a traffic violation. After probable cause to search the vehicle was established, Proffer conducted his search and found \$34,451 in cash.

During the stop, Proffer learned that the motorist had been arrested previously by fellow District 12 Highway Patrol Officer James Haas after the officer found 70 pounds of marijuana inside the suspect's vehicle.

In addition to those charges, the motorist now faces charges associated with money laundering and conspiracy to transport narcotics.

A DPS Highway Patrol officer seized 37.5 pounds of cocaine, valued at about \$5 million if sold on the streets, during a Dec. 19 traffic stop just east of Flagstaff on I-40.

Officer Ken Carlson said he stopped the 1998 Lincoln Town Car for following too closely.

After requesting and receiving permission to search from the Cuban national who lives in Florida, Carlson noticed the presence of cocaine near the hood and windshield area.

The vehicle was transported to DPS headquarters in Flagstaff where the windshield was removed to gain access into a customized, hidden compartment near the firewall and dash. Inside the secret compartment, officers found the contraband.

Who Is She?



She may appear a bit shy as a little girl, but she doesn't shy away from her responsibilities today at DPS as a Phoenix-based civilian employee.

Who is she? Guess correctly and win a polo shirt courtesy of the Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona.

Interdepartmental e-mail entries should be addressed to Art Coughanour, badge no. 3131. Please, please remember to include your badge number with your entry.

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Interdepartmental mail:
The Digest, mail drop 1200

Snail mail:
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Arizona DPS
P.O. Box 6638
Phoenix, AZ 85005

Winner of the December contest was Annette Barnard, a 28-year employee with the Department. Since no one correctly identified the intelligence research coordinator, Annette was the winner of a polo shirt offered by the AHPA.

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Down the Highways

February 1969

A pistol-shooting team, featuring four Arizona Highway Patrol officers from Flagstaff, took first place in a match sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police in Tuba City.

The team consisted of Sgt. Bud Jenkins and Patrolmen Dan Daniels, Don Hill and Frank Glenn. In individual competition, Glenn took a second place and Daniels a fourth.

AHP Patrolman Bill Roller was hospitalized three days for treatment of minor injuries he suffered while rescuing a U.S. Marine whose vehicle crashed into two parked cars Feb. 11 within the Wickenburg city limits.

Roller was in pursuit of the fleeing Marine, believed to be absent without leave (AWOL), when the crash occurred. While pulling the injured Marine from the car, Roller was struck in the head by an unknown object, the result of an explosion within the burning vehicle.

February 1974

William A. Foster was promoted from captain to major during ceremonies Feb. 11 and became assistant division chief of the Administrative Division. Foster replaces Major Larry Beddome who assumed command of the statewide law enforcement telecommunications system.

DPS Officer Fred Newlin was among four law enforcement officers honored Feb. 22 at a "Law and Order" program sponsored by

Phoenix Elks Lodge 335. Newlin was cited for his valor in the July 5, 1973, Kingman tank-car train disaster that claimed the lives of 13 people and injured 112.

February 1979

The Arizona Senate tentatively approved a four-year extension of the 55-mph speed limit during a Feb. 16 vote at the state capitol.

February 1984

DPS Officer Colin Peabody and Charlie Ruiz participated in a \$10.5 million cocaine bust Feb. 11 in Brownsville, Tex.

Seven Colombian nationals were arrested as a result of the investigation which saw officers seize 350 pounds of high-grade cocaine, a plane, two pickup trucks, an automobile, two boats, \$10,600 in cash and other miscellaneous equipment.

The investigation began when a concerned citizen provided Ruiz with information about a proposed cocaine transaction. Ruiz notified Texas authorities who requested that Ruiz and Peabody assist in the interdiction.

In mid February, Frank Shankwitz became the first in departmental history to register 10 years as a DPS motorcycle officer. Shankwitz started riding "motors" in 1974 while stationed in Yuma, working U.S. 95 between Yuma and San Luis.

February 1989

Former DPS Pilot Joe Olson was killed in a plane crash Feb. 18, south of Safford.

Olson, who served with DPS from 1970

to 1977, was the sole occupant of a small private aircraft which crashed en route from Willcox to Safford.

February 1994

Russell Pearce has been named administrator of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety by DPS Director Rick Ayars during the Feb. 14 executive staff meeting. Pearce, who began work Feb. 15, is a former top administrator at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Pierce replaced Duane Richens, who resigned in January.

A traffic stop Feb. 3 for speeding near Springerville resulted in the seizure of numerous items, including an Uzi and a semi-automatic rifle equipped with a bayonet.

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Robert Tulk stopped the vehicle on U.S. 60, about seven miles east of Springerville. While talking to the driver, Tulk told the Duty Office that he noticed several concealed weapons in the vehicle.

After placing the male driver under arrest, Tulk's search of the vehicle resulted in him finding a small amount of methamphetamine, several unidentified pills, a .22-caliber revolver, a SKS7 .62 semi-automatic rifle with bayonet, and a fully-loaded Uzi.

Tulk also located several other items in the vehicle, including night-vision equipment, a portable radio with scanner functions, a mobile phone, a set of portable digital scales, \$593 in cash and \$535 in money orders. All items were seized as was the truck the suspect was driving.